



# U.S. EPA's Brownfields Grant Funding Application Process (2003-2004)



## Timeline/Due Dates

Requests for Proposals Announced - October 3, 2003

Proposals for Funding Due - December 4, 2003

Award Announcements - April 2004 (anticipated)

## Who Can Apply For the Grants?

- Local Governments
- State Governments/Tribal Authorities
- Quasi-governmental entities under control of local governments (e.g. Industrial Development Authorities)
- State legislated entities
- Regional Council of Governments (metropolitan planning organizations)
- Redevelopment agencies
- Nonprofit organizations (for clean-up grants only)

***Brownfields** are real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Also includes petroleum sites, mine-scarred land and the manufacture of illegal drugs.*

## What Types of Grants Does EPA Provide?

Site Assessment	Cleanup Grants	Cleanup Loan Funds (RLF)	Job Training
<p>Funding to inventory, characterize, assess and plan at brownfield sites.</p> <p>- Up to \$400,000 (\$200,000 for hazardous waste contamination and an additional \$200,000 for petroleum contamination)</p> <p>- Applicants can request a waiver of these amounts, up to \$350,000 <i>per site</i>. Waivers are only for site-specific work on a single site.</p>	<p>Funding to pay for site-specific cleanup.</p> <p>- Up to \$200,000 per site. <i>The applicant must own the site it is applying for.</i></p> <p>- Applicants may apply for up to 5 sites.</p> <p>- 20% cost share (match) is required from the applicant.</p>	<p>Funding to establish a revolving fund to provide no/low interest loans or subgrants to pay for site cleanup.</p> <p>- Up to \$1,000,000. Coalitions may apply and receive up to \$1,000,000 per eligible applicant.</p> <p>- Subgrants from the loan fund may be made to properties <b>owned by</b> eligible entities or non-profit organizations. Maximum of 40% of loan funds can be used for subgrants.</p> <p>- 20% cost share (match) is required from the applicant.</p>	<p>Funding for environmental job training for residents in Brownfields communities.</p> <p>- Up to \$200,000</p> <p><i>*Note job training grants are via a separate application process and have different eligibility requirements.</i></p>

### ***What is the Application Process?***

- The application process for assessment, cleanup or RLF funding is combined. Job training grants will be announced around the same time, but will be a separate application process.
- You are encouraged to call EPA to notify us of your intent to apply and to discuss any site eligibility concerns.
- Applicants submit a short (no more than 15 pages) proposal to EPA. **Proposals are due December 4, 2003.** If you are requesting more than one grant type, a *separate* proposal should be submitted for each. You may ask for only one type of grant funding or all three types of grant funding, but you must submit separate full proposals for each grant type.
- Applications addressing petroleum contaminated sites must specify the dollar amount of funding that is being requested to address petroleum contamination.
- All proposals will be reviewed, scored and ranked by a national interagency panel.
- EPA senior management will make final selections based on the panel's recommendations. Awards will be announced in April 2004 (anticipated).

### ***What Are the Grant Ranking Criteria That You Will be Judged On?***

- Community notification/involvement *on your proposal to EPA for grant funding*
- Letter of acknowledgment from your state environmental authority
- Site information (are sites identified, are there ownership liability issues, site selection process, etc)
- Community need

- Leveraged resources and partnerships involved in your project
- Your ability to manage grants
- Cost share (for cleanup grants and RLF only)
- Authority and business plan/loan structure (for RLF only)
- Impact on human health and environment
- Sustainable reuse of property and development potential
- Reuse of existing infrastructure
- Greenspace/Open space as a site reuse
- Budget detail (petroleum work must be noted in a separate budget)

### *Special Considerations*

The following special considerations can be requested. Contact our Regional office to discuss your special considerations before submitting an application.

- Waiver of funding limits (currently \$200,000) for assessment grants - up to a \$350,000 maximum for site specific work at a single site only.
- Waiver of cost share for cleanup grants and RLF. “Hardship” must be demonstrated.
- Property specific determinations are required for certain types of properties which do not meet the legal definition of “Brownfields” (refer to Appendices 3 and 4 of the Proposal Guidelines). Financial assistance may be allowable provided the project will protect human health and the environment, and either promote economic development or create greenspace or non-profit use (e.g. recreation).

EPA’s Brownfields Funding Proposal Guidelines can be found at [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)